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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, AG
SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT

REF: SECTO 10266

1. AM TRYING TO GET IN TO SEE BOUMEDIENE WITH YOUR MESSAGE REGARDING INTERIM SETTLEMENT BUT AM HAVING DIFFICULTY BECAUSE HAVE BEEN UNABLE CONTACT RESPONSIBLE ALGERIAN SINCE RECEIPT OF MESSAGE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. EVERYONE IS EITHER AT BEACH OR JUST RETURNING FROM OR GOING ON LEAVE. HOPE TO HAVE RESULTS THIS AFTERNOON HOWEVER.

2. ASHRAF MARWAN SAW BOUMEDIENE YESTERDAY ON BEHALF PRESIDENT SADAT. PURPOSE WAS TO INFORM HIM INTERIM AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED AND GIVE HIM GENERAL OUTLINE OF CONTENTS. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS ME BOUMEDIENE'S REACTION WAS TO REITERATE ALGERIAN POSITION THAT SOLUTION WAS UP TO PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND THAT ALGERIANS SUPPORTED PALESTINAINS 100 PERCENT. BOUMEDIENE HAD DESCRIBED AGREEMENT AS BEING WITHIN TERMS OF REFERENCE OF RABAT SUMMIT BUT ASKED WHAT LAY BEYOND IT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER MOVEMENT BY USG AND SAID THAT FROM FEBRUARY 1976 UNTIL FEBRUARY 1977 IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR UNITED STATES
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TO MOVE ACTIVELY TOWARDS SETTLEMENT. BOUMEDIENE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INTERIM AGREEMENT WOULD UNDERCUT ARAFAT, WHOM HE CONSIDERS A MODERATE, AND THAT MORE EXTREME PALESTINIANS WILL SEEK TO DUMP HIM BECAUSE HIS POLICIES HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED.

3. BELIEVE YOUR MESSAGE WITH ITS ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL REMAIN ACTIVELY ENGAGED TO PROMOTE A FINAL SETTLEMENT WILL BE MOST USEFUL. BOUMEDIENE NEEDS SUCH REASSURANCE AT THIS POINT.
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